

## REMARKS

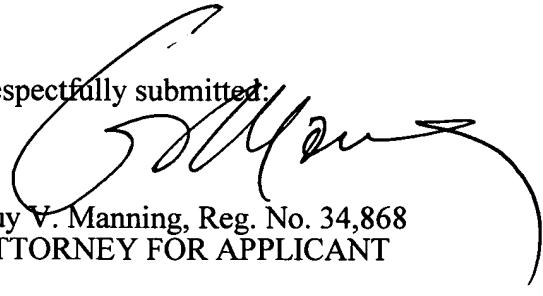
Regarding the examiner's requirement for restriction and election between Groups I, II and III, **Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1 - 13).**

Applicant makes this election **with** traverse. It is Applicant's position that claim Groups II and III can be prosecuted simultaneously with claim Group I and hereby requests reconsideration of the examiner's findings. Nevertheless, Applicant makes his election to pursue claim Group I if the examiner does not reach a different conclusion, either upon review at this time, or after consideration during prosecution of claim Group I.

Applicant makes this election without prejudice to his right to file a divisional application and/or continuation or to take such other appropriate measures as deemed necessary to protect the novelty as claimed in claim Groups II and III. Hence, Applicant waives no rights therefor nor abandons any subject matter.

Applicant has fully and completely responded to the Office Action and has made the required election. Applicant therefore believes that this application now is in order for early consideration on the merits. Applicant further believes that this application is in condition for allowance, which allowance Applicant respectfully requests.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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